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PRODUCING THE SAME AND UTILIZATION THEREOF
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Sir:

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.97(c), before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 CFR § 1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 CFR § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

This application 10/799,320 is a Division of 09/582,926, filed 07-05-2000, now Patent no. 6,740,634, which application is National Stage Entry of PCT/JP99/00086 01-13-1999.

In the prosecution of the Canadian counterpart application, the Canadian examiner noted:

(1) US application 10/182,731, published on July 13, 2003, as US 2003-0134800-A1, which application is the National Stage Entry of PCT/JP02/06527, filed 06-28-2002; and

(2) US application 10/019,786, now USPN 7,265,157, which application is National Stage Entry of PCT/JP00/04683, filed 07-13-2000. Child Continuity Data of application no. 10/019,786 includes 11/782,707, filed 07-25-2007, which is pending.

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.


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